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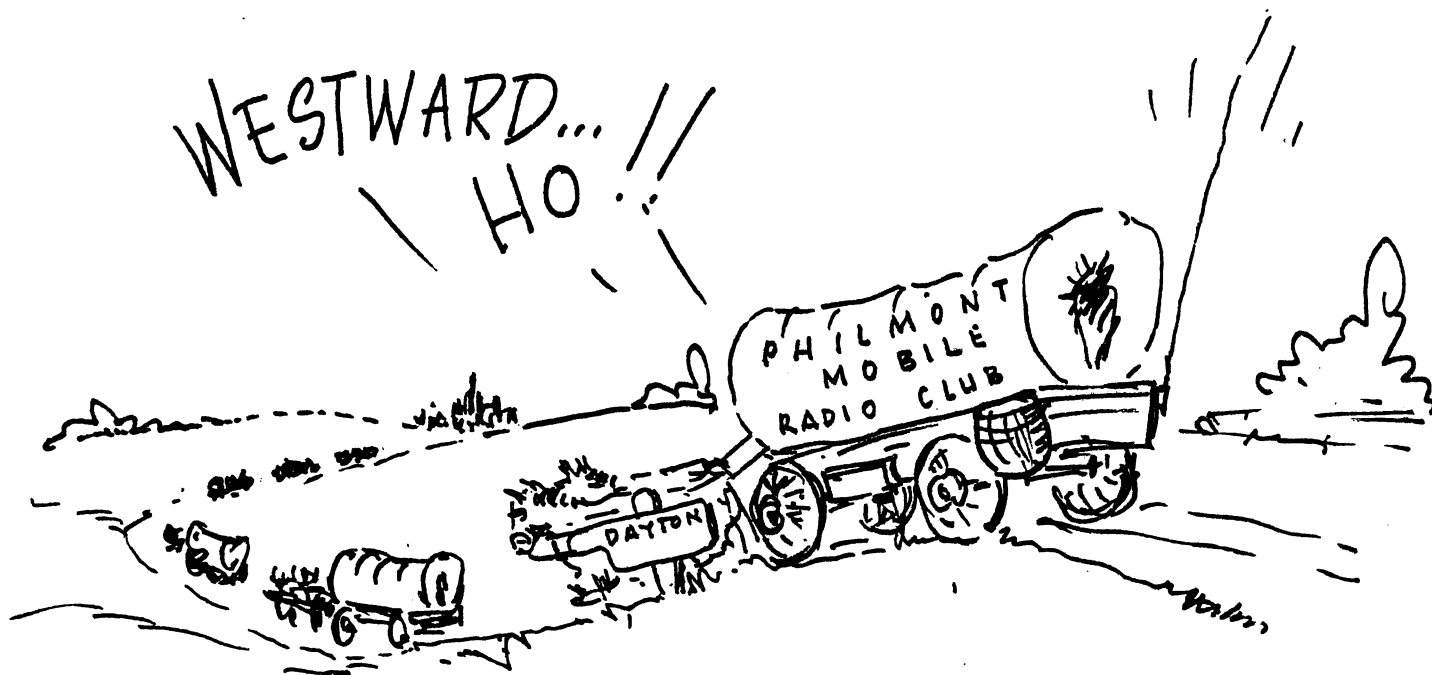
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1030 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

Since the last BLURB was "put to bed" Ye Olde Ed and Peg managed a trip to Florida. During the drive down I-95 we discovered two new 63/03 repeaters, one in Occaquan, Virginia and one in Savannah, Georgia. We used the Savannah repeater, with some help from AB4B, on our homeward trip to contact W3QQH who was southbound and we had lunch with Jim and Elaine just outside Savannah. Them thar little radios shure do work good!

Later this month the target area for many Philmonsters will be Dayton. From all that we hear there will be quite a group again this year, but the concensus seems to be that skipping the banquet will be the order of the day. It is too bad that the banquet last year was less than successful because in the previous years it was one of the highlights of the weekend and many of us marveled at the quality of both the food and the service. This is probably a case of success spoiling a good thing. The yearly increase in attendance undoubtedly put such a strain on the facilities and the caterer that it was impossible to maintain high quality.

Fortunately there has been no decrease in the quality of the main events, the flea market and the display area. We understand that more and better of both are planned and after all that is what a hamfest is all about.

We'll see you there!

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER

TO ALL PHILMONTERS, ESPECIALLY YOU RETIRED NAVY TYPES AND YARDBIRDS TOO... VISIT THE GOOD SHIP OLYMPIA AND THE SUBMARINE BECUNA, DOWN THERE AT PENN'S LANDING, AND HAVE LUNCH ON THE SQUARE RIGGER MOSHULL ONLY A SHORT WALK AWAY... YOU'LL ENJOY SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT, AND A GOOD MEAL AT MODEST PRICES. NO, I HAVE NO STAKE IN ANY OF THIS... EXCEPT YOUR INTEREST.

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THE PREZ SEZ

The best thing about spring is that it always comes when it is most needed. Winter started out like a lamb and ended up like a lion. It is all over now and our thoughts turn to outdoor activities.

For hams this generally takes the form of putting up new antennas or repairing the old ones. Since we all use 63/03 try to get up a good antenna, high enough to be able to hit the repeater. Nothing is more exasperating than trying to talk to some one who sounds as if he is using a H/T in a fallout shelter. A better antenna will also allow one to talk to his friends on a simplex frequency without tying up the repeater.

With the warmer weather maybe we will see some of you who haven't been able to come out because of the bad weather. If you haven't been to a meeting lately you will be surprised at the large turnouts we are having. Last month there were 59 members and 16 guests present. Come join the crowd and say hello to old and new friends alike.

Finally, my congratulations to W3RCE for the excellent programs he has arranged. Keep up the good work and thank you.

de W3AWG

April is the month when the green returns to the lawn, the trees and the Internal Revenue Service

Our April program will feature Dr. Smith who will discuss the Amateur Radio Education Program he runs at the Ridley Park High School. Let's have a large turnout to show our appreciation of a job well done. Many Philmonters have upgraded through this program.

Our Awards Committee, preparing for the banquet, is seeking nominations for the four club awards. If you have someone in mind whom you feel merits recognition for work on behalf of Philmont let John Tinaglia, W3AWH, or any of the officers know about it so that he or she can be considered. We don't want to overlook anyone.

Don't forget Stag Nite!!! April 18 at the Tankard Inn in West Conshohocken. The price is \$11.00 per person which includes a full course dinner, gratuity and tax. The mid-month meeting will held immediately after dinner in our private room. Contact Dick Klein, W3WXC, no later than April 2 to make your reservations. All members, guests, and visitors are welcome.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR APRIL

April 1 All Fool's Day (What else can we say?)
April 2 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM. Program: Dr. Smith
 on The Amateur Radio Education Program
April 8 Palm Sunday
April 12 Passover
April 13 Good Friday
April 15 Easter SSunday
April 18 Stag Nite at Tankard Inn. Midmonth meeting.
April 25 Secretaries Day (Be nice to W3IRS)
April 30 ALURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

MEETING REPORTS

February Midmonth: Held at the home of Jim Bock, K3PHC, the meeting was attended by only 11 members, due to the poor weather conditions. Among the the items discussed were the banquet, the bowling party, and a change of location for our Regular Meetings. On the latter subject, it was decided after hearing both sides of the question, not to relocate our meeting from the auditorium to Room 501, but rather to try to get the members to concentrate the seating in the center section of the auditorium.

Two new members, Jim, W3AOA, and Ken, WB3AHM, were unanimously elected to membership in the club.

Our thanks to Jim and Rhe for their hospitality and excellent refreshments.

March Regular Meeting: The business portion of the meeting included, in addition to the Minutes and Treasurer's report, the following:

1. The Banquet Committee announced that the location of our Anniversary Banquet has been changed from the Valley Forge Sheraton to the Falcon House. More details will be forthcoming.
2. The Awards Committee, represented by W3AWH, presented certificates of service to last year's officers, WB2LGY; WB3CMM; W3GQD; and K3SPS.
3. The Stag Nite and Bowling Party Committees reported progress.

The main program for the evening was presented by Joan Stocker of the Bell Telephone Company PR Department. Joan's subject was "The Sea" and in a well prepared and obviously professional discussion augmented by slides and tapes, she talked about the great resources available to us in the sea; the means of exploring and obtaining these resources; communications methods used by both man and the sea's inhabitants; and the history of man's fascination with the world below the surface.

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MEETING REPORTS (continued)

At the completion of Ms Stocker's program Tom Bohlander, WA3KLR, presented a brief, but timely and interesting talk accompanied by slides that he took of the recent total eclipse of the sun. Tom went out to North Dakota to witness and photograph the event and his pictorial results were outstanding.

At the conclusion of the meeting the 50 members and 16 guests present enjoyed the usual sumptuous repast of coffee and doughnuts.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Alex M. Bodnar, KA3CIM Handle: Alex
Address: 36 Wildwood Ave.,
East Lansdowne, PA 19050
Phone: (H) 622-3450 (B) 441-1555
Employer: Penna. Air National Guard, NAS Willow Grove, PA
Occupation: Computer Operator
Sponsors: WB3KUR; WA3YVB

Action on the above application will be taken at the April Midmonth Meeting.

WANTED

Frank Giordano is looking for a 2KW all-band linear amplifier. Frank can be contacted at (215) 497-1946

COMING EVENTS

Dayton Hamvention, April 27, 28, 29. For motel reservations call (513)228-0016, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. For all other information call (513)293-0459, 5:00-10:00 PM

40th Anniversary YLRL, June 29-July 1, 1979. Holiday Inn, 4th and Arch Sts, Phila., PA for further information contact Christine E. Haycock, WB2YBA; 361 Roseville Ave., , Newark, N.J. 00107. Talk-in will be on 146.52 and 146.58.

Penn Wireless Association Tradefest 1979. Sunday, April 1 at National Guard Armory, Roosevelt Boulevard and Southampton Rd. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission \$2.00. Talk-in 146.52 and 146.37/97

Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS) Hamfest, Sunday, July 29 at the Howard County Fairground on Rte 144, just off I-70 at Rte. 32. For info write: BRATS, P.O.Box 5915, Baltimore, MD 21208.

TID-BITS

Wilson Electronics has been bought by Regency, reportedly for \$1.5million. The move puts Regency back in the amateur radio business which it left early last year. Regency itself plans to remain in scanners and marine radio while Wilson, operating under its present management, will continue in amateur and CB products. (LERC Bulletin)

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Narrow band voice modulation baseband processors will soon be on the market and Henry Radio has been selected to be exclusive world-wide distributors for the new technology. The complete BBC-3000 will sell for \$349, while the board to be installed in an existing transceiver will list for \$275. (LERC Bulletin)

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To get maximum attention, it's really hard to beat a big mistake.

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Carl, W3SGR, who sent us the gem above, thinks that a parking fine should be called a tarrying charge.

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Bill Mescanti, WB3CMM, has provided Ye Olde Ed with two articles, one titled, "Your Novice Accent and What To Do About It" and the other, "Developing Proficiency With The Morse Code". Both these articles are too lengthy for inclusion in the BLURB, but we will be glad to loan them to anyone who cares to read them; or, if enough requests are forthcoming, we'll print copies and distribute them. Let me know if you are interested.

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At the March Meeting Prez W3AWG said, "Welcome to the 359th meeting of the Philmont Mobile Radio Club". That makes April the actual 30th anniversary of the first meeting. April also marks the 87th BLURB which has been published under Ye Olde Ed. That is a lot of typographical errors!

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The telegraph code call CQ was born on the English Telegraph a century ago as a signal meaning "All stations. A notification to all postal telegraph offices to receive the message." Its meaning was close to the present meanings of QNC and QST. Like many other telegraph terms which originated on the landlines, CQ was brought over into radio and used as a general call to all ships by the Marconi Company. Other companies used KA until the London Convention of 1912 which adopted CQ as the international general call or "attention" signal. CQ is still a call meaning literally, "attention" but in amateur radio its meaning is perhaps more accurately described by Thomas Raddell who compared it to yelling "Hey Mac" down a drain pipe.

WB6BBO/W3WRE for ARRL

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"If you want peace in the house, do what your wife wants." (African proverb)

THINGS WE HEAR

Heavy Philmont traffic to and from Florida. Charlie, W3ZPP, and Millie; Jim, W3QQH, a Elaine; Bob, K3KUD, and Peg all returned from vacations down there, Woody, W3PST and Jerry enroute south to enjoy the sun.....Arnie, WB2LGY, finally making settlement on the summer home.....Rick Spencer keeping the repeater in shape while Jim was away.... Sam, K3GBA, enroute to work without Grace for a few days, and sounding lonely....Jack, N3ALW, back on the repeater after 3 weeks at the University of Illinois for some re-fresher courses.....Beth, W6RYL, running out of gas on the expressway and getting an assist from Dick, W3RM.....Chuck, W2HSA, and Peggy mobiling in the area and hearing a lot of friends just saying hello.....Hal, W3AA, home briefly and gone again for a few more weeks.....Joe, K3CT, checking into the Sunday net from the hospital.....Al, W3OWK, and Dot, W3ZLE, starting the treks to the shore..... Frenchy, W3IRS, touring a commercial FM station and losing track of the time. Thought you had enough of that stuff, Frenchy!Gloucester County ARC planning a hamfest later this summer, their first in almost 20 years.....The Pack Rats offering congratulations to Philmont on our 30th birthday, via "Cheese Bits"

POSTAL REGULATION

The new postal regulation which would, in particular, affect many QSL cards, has been postponed until at least Spring to allow mailers to use up existing stock. The present minimum remains in effect; that is 3 x 4½ inches. The new requirement will be 3½ x 5 inches.

ARNS Bulletin

Check out that new car! Before installing your rig using a cigarette lighter plug, be sure of the polarity of the lighter socket. It appears that some of the newer cars have cigarette lighters with reversed polarity. Previously the lighter casing was attached to the dash for grounding and only the "hot" connection was needed. But now with the advent of plastic dash panels two wires are required for the lighter connection..... and some of them have the polarity reversed. It doesn't matter much when lighting a cigarette, but when you plug in the rig, BANG! It sure might be well to check it out first.

"Groundwave" Ottawa, Ontario ARC
via ARNS Bulletin

Anyone having thoughts on, or material for, future programs for our meetings is invited to get in touch with Ed Fahy, W3RCE. We want the programs to be interesting to as many people as possible and we need your input to keep them that way.

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

	<u>80-meters</u>	<u>10-meters</u>	<u>2-meters</u>
<u>April</u>			
1	W3PWG	W3HQJ	W3IGW
8	W3AWH	W3GIF	WB3CMM
15	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3SRU
22	KB2BA	W3KDO	WB2LGY
29	W3AWG	WB3CMM	W3AA

<u>May</u>			
6	W3PWG	W3HQJ	W3WXC
13	W3AWH	W3GIF	W3AWG
20	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3PST
27	KB2BA	W3KDO	W3ZPP

* 10-meter net (29.493 MHz) runs 10:00 AM-10:15 AM SSB; 10:15 AM-10:30 AM, AM. Net Control for AM net is K3GBA (alternate K3HIE).

Note: 75-meter CW Net, 3.610 MHz at 10:30 AM. Net Control is N3WW (alternates W3RM; KB2BA).

Starting this month the net control schedules will be listed each month and will include the current month and the one following.

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